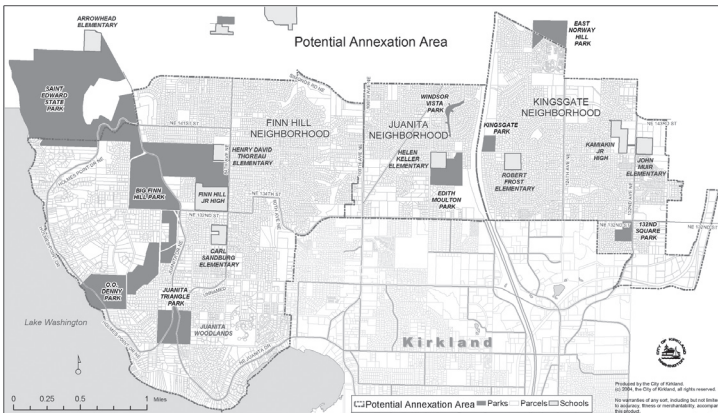


CITY UPDATE

Annexation? *Let's Talk Dollars and Cents*

After twelve group briefings and three public meetings to begin a community dialogue about annexation, the Kirkland City Council wants to turn the discussion to dollars and cents. The Council invites you to share your thoughts about new financial information at a public forum at the Peter Kirk Community Center on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. (the first hour will be an open house, with a presentation and discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m.).

If you missed the dialogue in the fall, Kirkland is considering whether to annex the neighborhoods of Kingsgate, Upper Juanita, and Finn Hill. Annexation is when residents of an unincorporated area vote to become part of a larger city, such as Kirkland, and receive local services such as police, parks and roads.



During the fall, Kirkland residents expressed that economic health is a top priority, and the Council is carefully studying how annexation could impact Kirkland's budget. The City conducted an analysis to understand the long-term financial impacts of annexation and the results are ready to share.

As predicted, annexation would create a larger short-term deficit than the City

is used to managing, but newly available State funding will greatly reduce this gap. In the long term (10 years), Kirkland anticipates a budget deficit, whether or not the City pursues annexation. However, annexation may actually improve Kirkland's long-term financial outlook, depending on which strategies the City uses to shrink the anticipated deficit.

Although the City has conducted a thorough study, many questions will still need to be answered. If the City Council decides to continue exploring annexation, residents of Kirkland and the potential annexation area will be engaged throughout the decision-making process.

For information on the economic analysis or to comment on annexation, please visit the City of Kirkland's Annexation webpage: www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation



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EVENTS & MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2007

Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods

Training: Decision Making
February 1st, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall

City Council Meeting

February 6th, 7:30 pm
City Hall
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

City Council Meeting

At the Central Houghton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting
February 7th, 7:00 pm
Houghton Fire Station
www.houghtonlives.com

Norkirk Neighborhood Association

February 7th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall
www.Norkirk.org

Juanita Neighborhoods

February 19th, 7:00 pm
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
www.NJNA.org

City Council Meeting

February 20, 7:30 pm
City Hall
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

Totem Lake Neighborhood Association

February 20th, 7:00 pm
Evergreen Hospital
Community Education Building
www.totemlakeneighborhood.org

Annexation Public Forum

March 1, 2007, 6:00 pm
Peter Kirk Community Center
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH:

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher with full loads. It's a simple step, but over time the savings can really add up.
- If you're considering purchasing a new clothes washer, check www.cascadewater.org for information regarding rebates.
- Also, if your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- A limited supply of conservation kits is available. Please call Van Ingram-Lock at 425.587.3907 for details.



For a complete list of water saving suggestions, visit www.cascadewater.org.

Market and Norkirk Neighborhood Plans Adopted

Updated Market and Norkirk Neighborhood Plans and a new Market Street Commercial Corridor Plan were adopted by the Kirkland City Council in December, 2006. Two of the more innovative ideas to come out of the plan updates were policies to encourage the preservation of historic homes and to promote the retention or construction of smaller homes. During the first half of 2007, the Planning Commission will draft regulations to implement these new policies contained in the plans. The Historic Preservation policy provides an incentive to retain existing historic homes in both neighborhoods by allowing undersized lots to be subdivided if the historic home is retained on one of the newly created lots. The Small Lot Single Family policy provides an incentive to encourage diversity in the size of homes. Finally, new design regulations for the Market Street Commercial Corridor will be crafted to implement policies in the Market Street Commercial Corridor Plan. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the process. Look for the meeting schedule to be advertised on the web: http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Planning/Plans_and_Projects/mnh.htm

Pedestrian Safety Tips

Approximately 5,900 pedestrians are killed by automobiles every year, 84,000 suffer nonfatal injuries. Almost one-third of these victims are children under the age of 15 yet they represent only about 15% of the U.S. population.

General tips for pedestrian safety

- See and be seen—drivers need to see you to avoid you. As a pedestrian, it is your responsibility to assure drivers see you in all weather conditions and especially at night.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.



- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing at night.

- Cross only at designated crossings. Entering mid-block or from parked cars is dangerous.
- Turn down the volume on headphones when attempting to cross the street.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Never jog or go running in bike lanes or on road shoulders, always use the sidewalk.
- Don't walk home after drinking, have a sober friend give you a ride home, take the bus or call a taxi.

Are You Ready For The Next One?

Our December windstorm showed how important it is to be prepared to take care of ourselves for at least 3 days. Most of us got by because we were able to get places for food and warmth. When travel isn't possible, you should have:

- An old fashioned landline phone that will work without electricity at home and cell phone away from home
- A 3-5 day supply of water, non-perishable food for people and pets, clothing, bedding, temporary shelter, toiletries, extra medicine, writing materials, small cash, wind-up flashlights or one with extra batteries, lighter or matches, and diversions like books or games – in 1 place (focus on water, food, warmth and lighting for vehicle supply kit)
- First Aid kit, cooking equipment, tools, leather gloves, plastic sheeting and bags, wind-up radio or one with extra batteries, whistle, mirror, and extra eyeglasses in your supply kit
- Tools, such as hammer, wrench (including one by the gas shut-off), and chain saw
- An emergency out-of-state contact you call immediately following the disaster to confirm



your are ok and others can call to find out how you are (long distance lines may be more accessible.)

- A generator hooked up outside your home

- For serious earthquakes make sure homes built before the mid-70's are secured to their foundations and secure all items in the home that can fly or fall over, when the home rocks.

- Learn 1st aid and CPR. Free CPR classes are offered through

the Parks Department 425-587-3300.)

- Take the 7 week Community Emergency Response Team course through the Fire Department to learn basic search & rescue skills, prepare your supplies and join a team that can work together during disasters (425-587-3659.)
- NEVER go near downed electrical wires, even if they're temporarily dead!
- NEVER use a generator or portable fire or cooking equipment indoors!
- Remember: First responders will be attending to critical needs, so you need to be self-sufficient!

Kirkland Residents:
Did You Know?
Paper take-out boxes can be recycled in your gray yardwaste cart!



For complete info, visit www.wmnorthwest.com/kirkland